

LATCHING MECHANISM AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

The invention concerns a latching mechanism (105) for
5 assembly of a housing (110) of an electronic device (100). The latching
mechanism includes a latch element (120) and a receiving element (131)
contained within the housing. The receiving element includes a recess (140)
for engaging the latch element and at least one audio port (122) for providing
an audio channel (190) for the electronic device. The invention also concerns
10 a method (500) of operating a latching mechanism. The method includes the
steps of mechanically coupling (512) a latch element to a housing, creating
(514) an audio channel by engaging the latch element within the housing and
porting (516) audio through the audio channel.